



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Group Art Unit -- 2166  
Examiner -- Pham, K.

June 15, 2006

In re Application of Donald J. Ethen et al.  
Title: Automation of Complex User-  
Level Command Sequences for  
Computing Arrangements  
Serial No.: 09/858,268

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File No.: RA 5388K (USYS.028PA)  
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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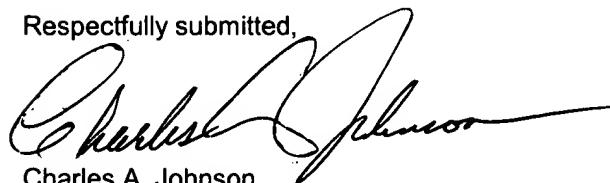
Dear Sir:

The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance implies that the claimed invention was allowed because the prior art did not disclose certain limitations found in the claims. The limitations characterized by the Examiner, however, if indeed found in the prior art, would not render the claimed invention invalid under 35 USC §102 because the claimed invention includes a number of limitations not addressed in the reasons for allowance. With respect to 35 USC §103, the rigors of establishing a *prima facie* case of obviousness include not only a showing that the prior art teaches the entire claimed invention (all limitations are to be considered), but also that combining the various prior art references is suggested in the art or that there would be motivation to make the combination. Furthermore, Applicants maintain the arguments set forth in previously filed responses to Office Actions that various other limitations are not suggested by the prior art. Unless Applicants hear otherwise, the comments herein are, as intended, clarifying in a manner consistent with the law.

As confirmed in a telephone conversation between LeRoy D. Maunu (Reg. No. 35,274) and Examiner Khanh Pham on June 1, 2006, the drawings as originally filed on May 15, 2001 are understood to be acceptable for issuing a patent from this

application. Therefore, the transmittal having payment of the Issue Fee does not include any submission of drawings.

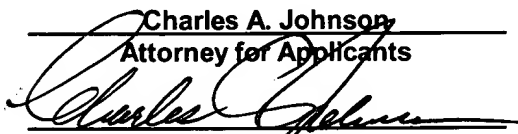
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